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13 November 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: OO War Plans

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum to Chief, COAPS, from AD/CO, dated 21 August 1950, subject: "Warlike Operations of the Contact Division."
(b) Memorandum to Chief, COAPS, from AD/CO, dated 25 August 1950, subject: "Warlike Role of Foreign Documents Division."

1. On 6 September 1950, COAPS forwarded to the former DCI for signature a memorandum to the IAC members substantially the same as the draft attached to your memorandum concerning Contact Division (Reference (a)). On the same date the DCI returned the memorandum for further study, expressing the doubt that the problem was ready for IAC discussion.

2. On this basis the problem has been reexamined within COAPS and the conclusion reached that it should be approached as part of a project to produce overall war plans for CIA. The same reasoning is applicable to the subject matter of your memorandum regarding Foreign Documents Division (Reference (b)). The question of CIA war plans is being explored by this Staff with the idea that suitable recommendations should be made to the DCI as soon as possible.

3. Of course no immediate result can be expected from what COAPS is now doing. For this reason, no objection is interposed to your resubmitting the memorandum for the IAC direct to the DCI, if you consider such action necessary. You should bear in mind, however, that the DCI does not wish to make decisions at present concerning any matters except the most important.

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and Policy Staff

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